power plants in the Eastern Region during the Eighth Plan period in view of shortage of power witnessed during the recent past;

(b) whether any decision has been taken on the location of power plants both thermal and hydel during the said plan period in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD-KHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government is considering setting up new power projects in the Eastern Region to increase power generation. However, the details of the thermal and hydro power stations to be set up during the Eighth Plan period in the Eastern Region as well as in other regions of the country would be known only after the Eighth Plan has been finalised by the Planning Commission.

Health Care Plans for Rural Areas

2972. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita expenditure on the health care in the country;

(b) what is the percentage of villages in the country not covered by the facilities of Primary Health Centres; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to evolve plans to provide atleast elementary health care for the countrymen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) As per information available for 1986-87, the per capita expenditure on health was Rs. 54.57 and Rs. 7.61 on Family Welfare in the country.

(b) The facilities of Primary Health Care are available to all the 5,57,137 villages (1981 census).

(c) To provide primary health care nearest to the place of abode of the countrymen, it is proposed to open additional 4765 Sub-Centres, 1344 Primary Health Centres and 269 Community Health Centres during 1990-91 (Target for Punjab is yet to be fixed). Besides, 10,000 Traditional Birth Attendants (Dais) will be imparted intensive training in conducting aseptic deliveries and educating the Community for availing M.C.H. and immunization services.

Industrialisation of the Backward Hilly Areas

2973. SHRI PATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for promoting industrialisation in the backward hilly areas which have turned restive due to unemployment and problems of under development;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Industrialisation of a particular district(s) in a State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the Central Government supplement their efforts by offering certain incentives such as priority in licensing, concessional finance etc. to entrepreneurs setting up industries in centrally notified backward districts including backward hilly districts. Entrepreneurs setting up industries in backward districts/backward hilly districts identified by the Central Government are eligible for the above inentives. In addition, the